

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 46 remain in this reissue application. Claims 1 through 18 of the original patent remain unchanged. New claims 19 through 46 are added.

Compliance With Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c)

Claims 19 through 26 correspond essentially identically and respectively with claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 16 of the original patent, except that these new claims are directed to “[a] housing arrangement for decorating a light assembly” as opposed to “[a] kit for decorating a light assembly.” It is believed implicit and inherent that a disclosure of a kit includes a disclosure of the article produced from the materials contained in the kit. In addition, the examiner’s attention is directed to the disclosure of the original patent at col. 1, ll. 23-33 where it is made clear that the inventive device includes a light housing for decorating a light assembly.

Regarding claim 27, support for the terminology “decorative housing arrangement” is discussed above. The cables recited in patent claim 1 inherently are “elongated suspension members” as recited in claim 27. The attention of the examiner is also directed to claim 11 of the patent where the light assembly is recited as being hung from a ceiling by a pair of elongate members. A “ceiling” is inherently an “overhead structure,” and it is pointed out that the ceiling is not a critical element of the claims. Accordingly, applicant is believe entitled to broadly claim this element. Inherently the wall recited in original claim 11 includes an “upper surface area” and it is clear from Figs. 1 and 2 of the patent that the housing 12 is supported by an upper surface area of the light assembly 22. Inherently the housing 12 has an upper portion, and once again it is clear from Figs. 1 and 2 of the patent that the upper portion of the housing is disposed between the light assembly and the overhead structure. It can also be seen from Figs. 1 and 2 that a plurality of decorating components are carried on an outer surface of the decorative housing.

The recitations of claim 28 are fully supported by Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings of the original patent and by the foregoing discussion regarding claim 27.

The recitations of claim 29 are fully supported by the third full paragraph of original claim 1 and by the foregoing discussion regarding claim 27.

The recitations of claim 30 are fully supported by the specification of the original patent at col. 4, ll. 34-39.

The recitations of claim 31 are fully supported by the specification of the original patent at col. 4, ll. 34-39.

The recitations of claim 32 are fully supported by the specification of the original patent at col. 4, ll. 28-33.

The recitations of claim 33 are fully supported by the first paragraph of claim 1 of the original patent.

The recitations of claim 34 are fully supported by the first paragraph of claim 1 of the original patent.

The recitations of claim 35 are fully supported by the first paragraph of claim 1 of the original patent.

The recitations of claim 36 are fully supported by the specification of the original patent at col. 4, ll. 34-39.

With regard to claims 37 through 46, these claims are essentially identical to corresponding claims 27 through 46 except that claims 37 through 46 are directed to a complete assemblage that includes the light assembly, the decorative housing and the decorating components. The complete assemblage is illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings of the original patent.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for examination. If the examiner has any questions, it is respectfully suggested that applicants' undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

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